

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONICALLY COMMUNICATING WITH  
SUPPLIERS, SUCH AS UNDER AN ELECTRONIC AUCTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a system for listing, approving and contacting suppliers or other individuals/organizations. In one embodiment, a user schedules an electronic auction and then selects suppliers from a list of suppliers to participate in the auction. New suppliers may be added. The system provides a series of Web page forms or other user input devices for receiving supplier selection and new supplier data. Other authorized users may either make suggestions and/or approve suppliers. The system provides automatic notification between such users and provides directly, or gives access to, electronic documents providing relevant information, such as information regarding the auction. Once all suppliers have been accepted, the system automatically distributes relevant information to accepted suppliers.